THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (e) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not promoting the use of petrol and diesel as such. However, these Companies have been promoting and encouraging the use of their premium brands of fuels such as Xtra Premium branded petrol and Xtra Mile branded diesel of Indian Oil; Power and Turboject etc. as these branded fuels give superior mileage; better engine protection; smooth driving and reduced pollutants due to the special properties of Multi-functional additives in such branded fuels. Such advertisements do not enhance the wastage of fuels. The expenditure incurred by various OMCs on promoting such branded fuels during the last three months starting from November, 2007 is as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)	Amount spent on ads through Radio/ TV media from November, 2007 to January, 2008
IOCL	387.56
BPCL	130.00
HPCL	4.73

Such promotional advertisement generally do not depict any special driving styles which may be experimented by the youth. Further, the action shown in the special effects in some of such advertisements are not part of daily life and are normally exaggerated. However, a precautionary warning is shown in all such advertisements, telling the viewers that the actions are performed by experts and should not be attempted by the viewers.

Production of oil and natural gas

†2433. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the O.N.G.C. sources the production of crude oil and natural gas in the country during the year ending on March, 2008 is likely to be same as it was in the last year;

(b) if so, the details of production made during the year 2007-08 up to January, 2008 as compared with the production made during 2006-07 up to January, 2007; and

(c) the amount incurred by ONGC on the schemes formulated to enhance the production during 2006-07 and 2007-08 separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The details of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC)'s crude oil and natural gas production during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given below:

Year	Oil (Million Metric Tonnes)	Gas (Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres)
2006-07	26.051	22442
2007-08 (Provisional)	25.919	22335

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details of ONGC's actual crude oil and natural gas production during 2006-07 upto January, 2007 and during the year 2007-08 upto January, 2008 are as under:

Year	Oil (MMT)	Gas (MMSCM)
2006-07 (up to Jan. 07)	21.792	18724
2007-08 (upto Jan. 08)	21.683	18731

Above figures excludes production from fields being operated through Joint Ventures.

(c) ONGC has incurred Rs. 1782.53 crore during the year 2006-07 and Rs. 924.59 crore (Prov.) during 2007-08 on various Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) projects.

CAG report on ONGC

2434. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has pulled up ONGC that the State-owned entity frittered away huge sums in unfruitful expenditure and penalties stemming from poor planning, lack of foresight and co-ordination in decision-making besides sloppy monitoring of work during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, what are the other details mentioned in the CAG report on ONGC;

(c) what action Government proposes to take; and

(d) whether the ONGC has been asked to take necessary steps in avoiding such occurrences in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) has recently forwarded their observations on an audit titled "Deep Water Exploration" relating to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). They have observed that some unfruitful expenditure has been incurred by ONGC.

The performance of ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002—07) in exploration and finding out new oil gas fields has been satisfactory. ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002—07) has made 35 hydrocarbon finds in its onland and offshore operational areas and accreted 676.76 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) Oil and Oil Equivalent of Gas (O+OEG) in-place with ultimate component of 240.88 MMT (O+OEG) against the Tenth Plan target of 570.43 MMT in-place and 155.51 MMT (O+OEG) in ultimate category respectively. The ultra deepwater discovery in KG Offshore made during 2006-07 by ONGC is the first ultra deepwater discovery in the country. ONGC has also, for the first time, discovered hydrocarbons in the eastern offshore in Mahanadi Basin.

During Tenth Plan period, exploratory inputs expended by ONGC in its onland and offshore operational areas include acquisition of 59683.26 Ground Line Kilometre/Line Kilometre (GLK/LK) of 2 D seismic data against the target of 35286 GLK/LK and 92988 sq. km. of 3D seismic data against the target of 34834 sq. km. and drilled 576 exploratory wells against a target of 561 exploratory wells.

However, ONGC as an operator could not complete Minimum Work Programme (MWP) in some blocks as per Production Sharing Contract (PSC) and paid US Dollar 50.3 Million towards payments for unfinished work programme and seeking extensions.